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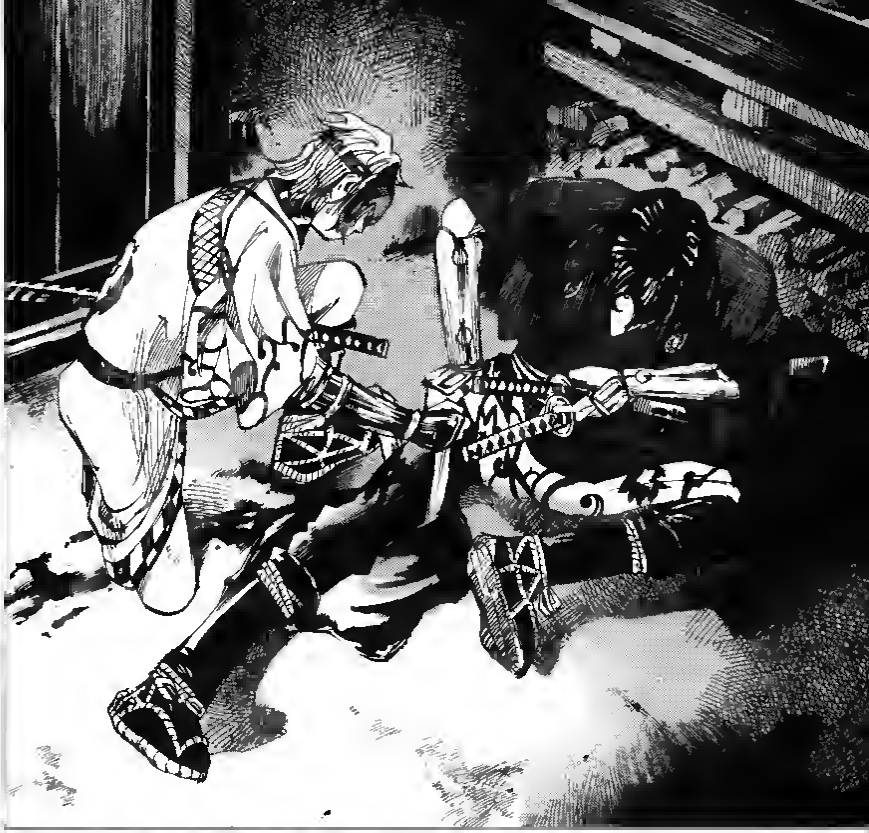
# THE 154TH WAY: KATSURA'S PARTY



SHIT!
THE BLEED-ING WON'T STOP!

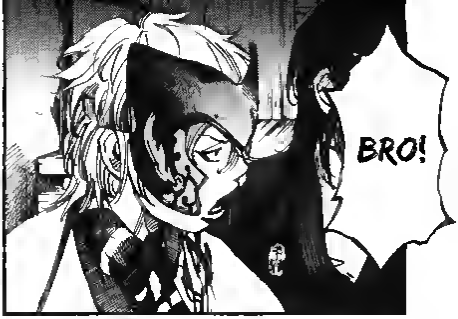
WELL?
OUT BACK IS A CLIFF. I DOUBT WE CAN CLIMB IT.
IN FRONT ARE ROUGHLY 25 ENEMIES ARMED WITH GUNS.
AND
THEIR LEADER IS KATSURA KOGOROU OF CHOUSHUU.
KATSURA KOGOROU.

ONCE DAWN BREAKS, THEY'LL ALL FIRE AT ONCE.
I HATE TO LEAVE THE BODY OF A COMRADE, BUT...
MR. SAGAWA.
SOUNDS LIKE FUN.
25 MEN ARE NOTHING TO FEAR!
BEFORE SUNRISE, WE HAVE A CHANCE!
IF WE STAY HERE, OUR ONLY OPTIONS ARE TO BE CAPTURED OR EAT BULLETS!
WE JUST HAVE TO CUT OUR WAY IN, TAKE HIS HEAD AND BREAK THROUGH!
AND IF OUR ENEMY IS KATSURA, WE'RE IN LUCK!

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
WE HAVE TO FIGHT!

PLEASE DON'T MIND ME.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO BREAK THROUGH, A WOUNDED MAN WILL DRAG YOU DOWN.
KANBEE.
WHAT?

YOUR DECI-SION...?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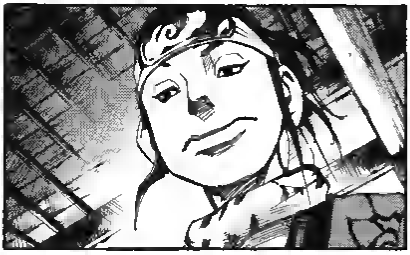

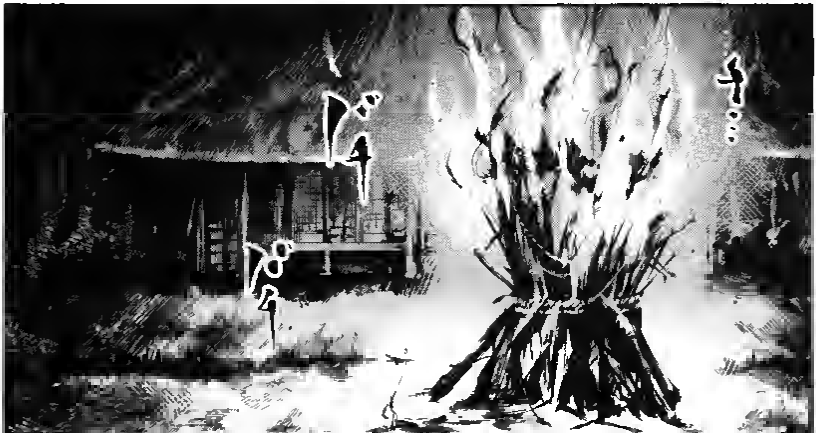
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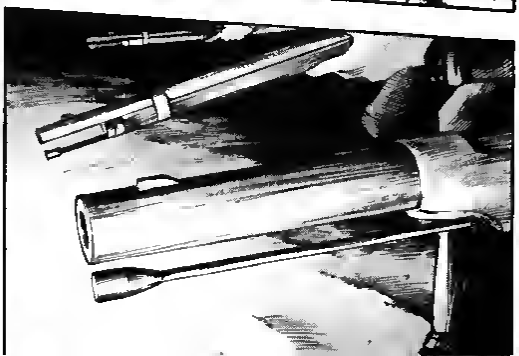
IT SEEMS SAMURAI FROM SNOWY AIZU ARE SLUGGISH.



WHY RUSH TO DIE?
WE'RE GOING.
TIME IS PASSING WHILE WE SIT HERE.
THE MEN OF KUWANA ARE NO COWARDS.

HERE.
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS.
BRO,
THEY'RE RIGHT.
GEN... IT WON'T WORK.
IF YOU'RE SLOWED DOWN, YOU'LL BE A TARGET.
I'LL RUN WITH YOU ON MY BACK, SO SHOOT LIKE CRAZY.
I CAN'T LEAVE YOU BEHIND.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU RUN AHEAD.

I'LL BE FINE.
I CAN RUN WITH A WOUND THIS LIGHT.
WE GO TOGETHER!
NO!

I CAN'T IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT YOU, BRO
LET'S GO!
RIGHT!
SPLIT UP AND RUN!
WE RENDEZ-VOUS AT NIJOU CASTLE!

GWAH!

KAN-BEE, BRO!
WHAT DO WE DO?

THIS IS A RARE OPPOR-TUNITY.
I THINK I'LL GET A LOOK AT THIS KATSURA FELLOW'S FACE.

I'LL SURRENDER.
I'M THE ONLY ONE HOLED UP HERE.
YOU LOOK FOR YOUR CHANCE AND RAN.

IF THEY FIRE ANYWAY, IT MEANS THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO CHOUSHUU.
YOU MUST HAVE SEEN THEM SHOOT!
DON'T TALK CRAZY!
NO PROPER SAMURAI WOULD SHOOT AT A WHITE FLAG.
KANBEE.
I WILL GO.

YOU CAN MAKE A PATH BETTER WITH THREE PEOPLE WHO CAN MOVE.
DON'T —

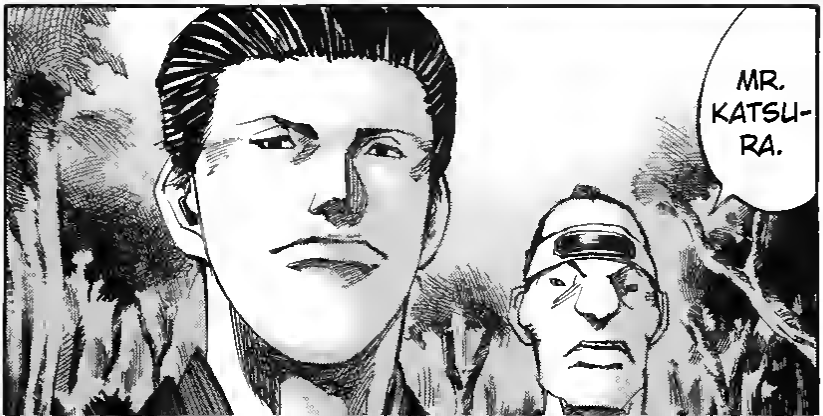
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
NO!

I'LL GO WITH HIM.
I'VE MET KATSURA IN EDO.

WHY DO YOU TWO HAVE TO GO TO GET KILLED?!
YOU'LL BE DYING FOR NOTHING!
GEN...
WE'RE STRONG.
WE WON'T DIE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.

WE'VE MADE IT THROUGH ALIVE SO FAR, HAVEN'T WE?
!
THEY'RE COMING OUT.

IT'S A WHITE FLAG.


MR. KATSU-RA.